

Remarks

The Applicants have amended the Specification to place it into conformance with contemporary practice regarding form.

The Applicants confirm their earlier election of Group II, including Claims 3-8 and 18-26. The Applicants confirm the withdrawal of Claims 1-2 and 9-17. Those claims have been cancelled without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter therein. The Applicants specifically reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to that subject matter.

The Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowability of Claims 6-8 and 18-20. New Claims 27-29 contain the subject matter of Claims 6-8, respectively. Similarly, new Claims 30-32 contain the subject matter of Claims 18-20, respectively. Confirmation of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Applicants have amended Claim 21 in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion by removing "rapidly" from the claim. The Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 21 is now in conformance with 35 U.S.C. §112. The Applicants have also amended Claim 26 to correct a minor typographical error. The Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's comments concerning the term "#." The Applicants have carefully reviewed Claim 21 as set forth in the Preliminary Amendment dated September 7, 2004 and cannot find a reference to a "#" sign in that claim. The Applicants would appreciate receiving clarification on that point.

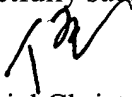
The Applicants acknowledge the rejection of Claims 3-5 and 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over JP '417. The Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's detailed comments concerning the hypothetical application of JP '417 to those claims. However, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is now moot in view of the amendments to that claim.

In that regard, the Applicants have amended Claim 3 to recite that the polyester film comprises a polyester resin comprising a polyester mainly composed of a repeating unit comprising ethylene terephthalate, a polyester mainly composed of a repeating unit comprising butylene terephthalate, and a block copolymer constituted of poly (ethylene terephthalate) or poly (butylene terephthalate) and a polyester of the polyoxyalkylene glycol and a dicarboxylic acid component. The Applicants note that some of the subject matter is taken from original Claim 6. Claim 6 has been cancelled. Also, inasmuch as Claim 6 was not included in the rejection, the Applicants respectfully

submit that JP '417 is inapplicable to amended Claim 3. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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